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In re Application of: De Haan, et al.

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For: Process for Producing Middle Distillates and  
Middle Distillates Produced By That Process

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants herewith  
respectfully requests the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2, line 1, of the international application, please insert the following  
paragraphs:

Further, WO 97/14769 discloses diesel fuels having excellent lubricity, oxidative  
stability and high cetane number produced from the non-shifting Fischer-Tropsch  
processes and having >95 wt% paraffins with an iso to normal ratio of from 0.3 to 3.0 .  
No mention is made regarding the effect of branching on the cold flow properties or the  
cetane number.

Still further, WO 98/34998 discloses a process for producing additive  
compositions, especially via a Fischer-Tropsch reaction, useful for improving the cetane  
number or lubricity of a middle distillate diesel fuel. The additive is prepared by  
fractionating the products of a Fischer-Tropsch reaction into a low boiling 371 degC